

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 19, 2008, the Office noted that claims 1-16 were pending and subjected claims 1-16 to an election requirement. No claims have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 1-16 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested.

ELECTION

Responsive to the election requirement imposed in the outstanding Official Action, Applicants elect Species (a), claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14-16, drawn to a first embodiment of the invention, without traverse.

SUMMARY

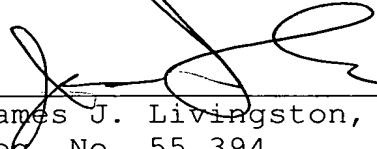
It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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